

# California Energy Commission



**CLASSIFICATION:** Attorney III (two positions)  
(may consider downgrading to Attorney I)

**TENURE:** Permanent

**TIME BASE:** Full-time

**SALARY:** \$8,032.00 - \$10,305.00

**LOCATION:** Office of Chief Counsel, Sacramento, California

**FINAL FILING DATE:** Until Filled

**DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:** Under the direct supervision of an Assistant Chief Counsel and the general direction of the Chief Counsel, the Attorney will be responsible for providing a broad spectrum of legal advice on diverse and complex legal issues in areas such as energy, environmental, public contract, and administrative law. Duties include drafting documents such as orders, decisions, contracts, regulations, and legislation; representing the Commission or technical staff in sensitive and complex proceedings, including power plant licensing cases; and developing legal strategies for the Commission.

The Office of Chief Counsel is a full-service law office involved in all phases of Commission activity, and attorneys have an opportunity to work directly and closely with the state's principal energy policy-makers. Attorneys' work includes appearances before the Commission, and may include appearances in other state and federal agencies, and occasionally in court. Practice in the Office generally involves one or more of the following assignments, depending upon the needs of the Office at the time:

- **House Counsel:** Providing legal advice to the Commission and its staff on all other agency matters, including California Building and Appliance standards, open meetings, conflicts of interest, the Public Records Act, data collection and personnel.
- **Transactions:** Providing legal advice for a variety of programs that support research, development, demonstration, and deployment of innovations in energy efficiency, renewable energy, alternative fuels and vehicles, and others, through public contracts, grants, and loans;
- **Administrative advocacy:** Representing Commission staff that serve as an independent party in power plant license proceedings, and other quasi-adjudicatory proceedings before the Energy Commission;
- **Rulemaking and standards setting:** Providing legal advice for regular updates to the State's energy efficiency standards for new construction (Title 24) and appliances offered for sale in California, and other regulations that implement the Energy Commission's programs;
- **Hearing and Policy:** Hearing Advisers co-preside with Commissioners on siting cases, in which proposals to build power plants are reviewed, and provide legal advice to Commissioners on a variety of other matters, including complaint or investigation proceedings, proposed regulations, and policy matters.

**DESIRABLE EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS:** The successful applicant should have strong analytic and writing skills and have knowledge and experience, or demonstrated interest in (1) California Building Standards; (2) Rulemaking; (3) State and federal environmental or energy law; (4) California laws governing regulatory agencies with legislative and regulatory powers and duties, including but not limited to, the Political Reform Act and other provisions governing conflicts of interest, governmental ethics; the Bagley-Keene Act, and the Administrative Procedures Act; and (5) the rules and processes governing the conduct of administrative hearings, civil litigation, including writ practice, and the promulgation of regulations. All applicants must be a member of the State Bar of California.

**WHO MAY APPLY:** All interested eligible persons are encouraged to apply. Applicants must have list, transfer, reinstatement, or SROA/Surplus eligibility. This position is subject to the "Super SROA" provisions of the State Restriction of Appointment (SROA) process. Please indicate your eligibility for this classification on the state application form, STD. 678. Applications will be screened for experience, knowledge, and skill and only the most qualified will be contacted for an interview.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *Possession of minimum qualifications will be verified prior to interview and/or appointment. If it is determined an applicant does not meet the minimum qualifications, the application may be forwarded to the State Personnel Board for review and the applicant's name may be removed from the eligibility list.*

**INTERESTED APPLICANTS SHOULD SUBMIT A COMPLETED STANDARD STATE APPLICATION (FORM STD. 678), A RESUME, AND A LETTER OF INTEREST EXPLAINING WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO WORK AT THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION AND HOW YOU MEET THE DESIRABLE EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS (IDENTIFIED ABOVE), TO:**

California Energy Commission  
Personnel Services RPA#140-087/88  
1516 9<sup>th</sup> Street, MS-3  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
(916) 654-4309

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**From HTDD Phones: 1-800-735-2929**  
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